

The Southwest Compact Task Force Bi-National Hearing

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

AGENDA

- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon Registration
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. *Welcome*
Hon. Samuel Ramos Flores
Mayor, City of Mexicali
Hon. Greg Pettis
Chair, Southwest Compact Task Force; Mayor Pro Tem, Cathedral City
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. *Global Competitiveness of the Southwest Compact Mega Region*
Mark Pisano
Executive Director, Southern California Association of Governments
Mayor Samuel Ramos Flores
City of Mexicali
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. *Mechanism for Foreign Trade and Goods Movement*
Dr. John Husing
Principal, Economics and Politics, Inc.
Lic. Daniel Romero Mejia
President, Coordinated Business Council, Baja, California
- 2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. *Break*
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. *Keynote: Regional Strategies for Economic Development*
Ing. Sergio Tagliapietra Nassri
Secretary of Economic Development, Baja, California
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. *Business Opportunities for Small-Medium Enterprises in the United States and Mexico*
Lic. Ricardo Salcido Vazquez
President, Industrial Development Commission, City of Mexicali
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. *"Logistics, the New Plastic"*
Thomas Topuzes
Chief Executive Officer, Thomas Topuzes & Associates
- 4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. *Bi-National Planning & Projects*
Pedro Orso Delgado
District Director, Caltrans District 11
- 4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Summary/Next Steps*
Hon. Jon Edney
Councilmember, City of El Centro; Regional Councilmember, SCAG
- 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *SPECIAL INVITATION TO ATTENDEES*
You are cordially invited to attend Mexicali's
Sister Cities Reception following the Hearing